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On the Street

Husband and Wife



I never pick up the daily paper at home but what my wife starts bombarding me with a lot of silly questions.—Jas. D. H.

WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE DO?

According to a statement, issued by M. H. Gossett, president of the Houston Federal Land Bank, received by the Messenger, more than 95 per cent of the borrowers in the west Texas drought area met all their installments up to December 31, 1930. "The bank has not found it necessary to make foreclosures in the drought area to date," stated Mr. Gossett.

From Chillicothe, Mo., comes the following announcement to the Messenger: "Luke K. Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ramsey, re-enrolled Wednesday in the Chillicothe Business College to finish his work in the stenographic course. Luke has been employed by the New Leeper Hotel in Chillicothe for the past several months and is resigning his position to continue his school work."

A state insurance inspector was in town Monday from Austin, looking after the hazards, etc., in Decatur. It is said that he found conditions not as good as heretofore, and gave orders to have them corrected. Messenger office and premises were given a good marking, with the exception of one "item," a little too much rubbish in the rear alley of the building. And, this will be corrected.

"It appears that we are having an epidemic of bank robberies," mused Gus Pickett, "and, if permitted, I would like to suggest to the robbers that, while they are carrying away the cash, they would confer a favor on many of us if they would slip in some notes and disappear with them; so, please state in the Messenger that robbers who contemplate raiding banks, should be more considerate of the patriots who have notes due, and past due."

"From reports I get from headquarters of the company, the new issue of stock of the Texas Power and Light Co. is going like hot cakes," reports C. P. Dodson, district manager in Decatur of the company. This growing concern is recognized as one of the safest and surest investments in the markets today. It is capably managed by a group of the state's most successful business men, and for years it has been steadily growing, paying a healthy dividend to its stockholders with clocklike regularity.

B. C. Allgood, one of the best known farmers in the great Paradise country, was among the first Monday visitors to Decatur. He called at the Messenger office, and as he and the scribe looked across the street and took in the crowd on the "jockey yard," we spied Bun Johnson. "Have known Bun many long years," said Allgood, "and he is thoroughly enjoying the transactions out there. He was my postman for twenty years, and I have never had a better one."

"We should be a little particular about taking her in our crowd," remarked Mrs. So-and-so who strained her neck to see what she really believes is her climb up the

BANK ROBBERY SUSPECTS DENY BOYD-CHICO RAIDS

CHICO STATE IS ROBBED OF \$1500

Charged with robbery with fire-arms in connection with the hold-up of the Chico State bank, which took place last Thursday morning, have been filed against Randall Ross and Bill Easley, and Mrs. Bonnie Hart, a comely widow, operator of a cafe at the construction camp at the Bridgeport dam, Walter Hudson and Andrew Kilgore, laborers at the dam, are being held, charged with complicity in the robbery.

The five were rounded up late Thursday night in camp near the dam site by Sheriff Workman. Officer Quisenberry and his men, following an all-day search for the lone bandit, staged one of the most spectacular bank robberies ever reported in Wise county, when he walked into the Chico State, and after making Cashier Baldridge and Judge Frank Roberts, a customer, go into the vault and lie down on the floor while the hold-up was in progress, the robber, with a dirty handkerchief tied just below his eyes, and brandishing a pistol in his left hand, scooped up \$1,500 in currency and fled in an automobile he had stopped immediately in front of the bank.

As Baldridge and Roberts, emerging from the bank, they saw him turn at the northwest corner of the square at a high rate of speed, on the highway leading toward Jacksboro. The alarm was immediately given, and citizens and the town's officers took up the chase, some in automobiles others on foot. Sheriff Workman was notified, and he and a number of deputies left hurriedly for Chico. Jack county officers were also notified and later joined in the hunt.

The robber, dressed in a cap, khaki shirt, blue overalls and boots, abandoned his automobile a few miles out of Chico, after an exchange of shots with his pursuers. He left his automobile, which had

"social ladder." A by-stander, overhearing the remark, didn't do a thing but throw wide the closet of the Mrs. and call out some skeletons, that rattled shamefully as they paraded. A check-up showed the one struggling for a social niche and apprehensive about the club being benefitted by the new member, had allowed her brain to lag in her calculations.

W. A. Bunnell, former citizen of Decatur and recognized as one of the best photographers in the United States, for several years a resident of Los Angeles, Calif., writes a prediction he made years ago to the Messenger editor—that the time would come when most every nation of the world, prompted by jealousy, would turn against the United States, and with the letter from our long-time friend, is a clipping from a speech delivered in Phoenix, Ariz., by Hon. Hamilton Lewis, senator-elect from Illinois. Lewis stated: "America has not one friend among the nations of the world."

When its old friend, Judge Frank Roberts of Chico, was requested by the Messenger to write an article for the paper, telling of his experience, feelings, etc., when the bank robbery entailed him, along with Cashier Baldridge, in the Chico State institution, and made them be quiet and orderly while the robbery was being staged, Judge Frank declined, saying that by the time he could compile his article the news of the hold-up would be known throughout the country, adding that probably some things he might say about his feelings during the robbery would not look well in print. Judge Frank

Woman in Case Says She Is Good Girl Tryin' to Live

"Ross and Easley Look Like Robbers"—Bankers

become foiled, and was smoking, in the highway as he made his way across the field. A farmer, Frank Gustin, unaware of the robbery, rode down a road near the field, and spoke to the robber who was sitting on a pipeline, which runs thru the field. Gustin, within fifteen feet of the man, waved to him. The robber returned the greeting and walked rapidly across the field and entered a ravine. When Gustin entered the highway he was met by officers and armed citizens, and he told them of seeing the stranger in the near-by field. The searchers swarmed into the pasture and a thorough combing was given it, but the robber was not found. Throughout the day the search in all sections of the rough country west and northwest of Chico was continued, probably one hundred taking part in the man-hunt. A number, led by officers, continued the look-out in the hilly country into the night.

During the day a check had been made concerning the automobile which was abandoned by the robber in the highway, and it was discovered that a man giving his name as Randall Ross had purchased the car from Blackburn Bros. firm in Decatur, and that Ross was a laborer on the construction works at Bridgeport dam. After night officers with the posse of Sheriff Workman, led by Officer Quisenberry, was set to watch the camp occupied by Ross and Easley.

An investigation had revealed that Easley and the Hart woman were in the camp. Sometime shortly before midnight Thursday night, Easley and Mrs. Hart stole away from the camp, entered an automobile and drove away in the dark.

The officers waited for their return, and after one o'clock they entered the tent and found Ross, the Hart woman and Easley. As the woman was commanded to get out of bed, she threw the covering over Ross to hide him, at the same time telling Quisenberry and the other officer that she was alone. When the covering was thrown back, there lay Ross, fully dressed in boots, khaki riding pants and shirt. The blue overalls and the cap he had been wearing were missing. His boots were wet, and the man appeared all but exhausted. Easley was found in the tent, and Kilgore and Hanson, associates of Ross, were found near-by, and with the woman, the four men were brought to the jail here.

A search of the tent revealed a pistol, found between two mattresses, and a red sweater, identically the color and make of the garment worn by one of the robbers who held up the Boyd Continental bank on the morning of January 20th.

Questioned by County Attorney Brown, the five stoutly denied any knowledge of the bank robbery at Chico, and when asked about the Boyd hold-up, they said they had nothing to do with the affair, and knew positively nothing about it.

Mrs. Hart told County Attorney and Vic, it will be remembered, were given strict order at the point of an ugly looking gun, and Judge intimates in a short communication to the Messenger, they obeyed, without any questioning.

Brown, when she was brought to his office for questioning, that "she was a poor, hard-working woman, trying to get along by running a cafe at the construction camps; that she had been talked about some, but was innocent of all charges. Just a poor woman, trying to get along." When asked how could she account for Ross being in her bed at the time the officers raided the tent, she stated that she "tried to make him get out, but he would not."

All the suspects were taken before the bankers of the institutions robbed, V. E. Baldridge of the Chico state bank, and President Koonce and cashier Petty of the Boyd Continental, at an examination held in the courthouse Sunday morning.

No positive identification was made of the men and the woman, with the exception of Gustin, the farmer who met the robber of the Chico bank. He said positively that Ross was the man he saw and spoke to in the field shortly after the robbery. "He is the man," said Gustin, "and he is dressed exactly like he was when I saw him in the field, with the exception of cap and blue overalls, and I account for him not having these on by the fact that I found the cap and overalls in the ravine I saw him go into, after he left the pipe-line on which he was sitting when I spoke to him."

Cashier Petty was of the opinion that Ross and Easley were the men who entered the Boyd bank, but would not be positive. Baldridge thought Ross was the man who robbed the Chico bank.

The red sweater found in the Bridgeport camp of the Hart woman figured prominently in the parade of the suspects before Mr. Koonce and Mr. Petty, for, as stated, one of the robbers of the Boyd bank wore a garment of this color.

Monday morning Captain Tom Hickman and "Lone Wolf" Gonzales, of the state ranger force, came to Decatur and viewed the prisoners in an effort to connect one or more of them with the recent Loving bank hold-up, and again Tuesday the rangers gave them the "once over," the prisoners being taken to Fort Worth by Sheriff Workman and Deputies Young and Scott.

Side Slants on Robbery

There were more man-hunters in the chase than has been seen since the county was alive with officers, several years ago, in quest of the negro who killed an officer in Fort Worth.

One member of the posse after the Chico robbery shot seventeen times at the fugitive as he was making his get-away in the automobile.

Ex-Sheriff Gage turned officer again and joined in the man-hunt.

When Sheriff Workman returned to town, not less than five hundred people sought him out, seeking some information about the robbery.

County Attorney Brown answered not less than a thousand questions every two hours following the chase.

One follower of the robber, having a merry time taking shots at the flying car, discovered he "was out of ammunition" immediately after the robber began returning the shots.

Attorney H. E. Lobdell answered

the call "to arms" and lined up with the posse.

Bob Gilson, druggist, with a business next door to the bank robbed, is said to have seen the robber as he left his auto and tied the handkerchief around his head, just before he entered the bank. Bob rushed to his telephone to give the alarm but before he could get the necessary connections, the robber had done his do, and left the bank. Someone asked Bob why he did not capture the robber. He replied: "I am fat, past forty and want to continue enjoying life and the pursuit of happiness."

YOUNG FARMERS CELEBRATE HERE

The Decatur high school group of Future Farmers of America, organized into the vocational department of agriculture instruction under conduct of N. P. Stephenson, enjoyed a splendid occasion and get together banquet in the rooms of the chamber of commerce and Lions club last Saturday night.

The boys had the honor and pleasure of having their mothers and fathers present as guests. In all about ninety attended. Several of the citizens of Decatur were also invited guests. Food was provided by the mothers and was served under the direction of the home economics class of the high school, in charge of Mrs. Ray Christian. Musical numbers were contributed by Miss Bess Coleman, and a reading by Miss Vivian Pearson.

E. R. Alexander, state adviser in vocational effort was present; he delivered a stimulating and thoughtful address touching on the place boys trained as scientific farmers will play in the agricultural development of the nation at large.

Honor certificates were delivered nine of the boys to signalize the completion of the prescribed courses in the theory and practice of land terracing. These were: George King, Marco Renshaw, Wayne Whittember, C. E. Holt, Fred Maples, Carl Neeley, Gordon Reed, Rolean Riddle and Louis Whittenberg.

One of the boys, Wayne Whittember, was selected to act as toastmaster and performed the role with high credit to himself. The invocation was given by Rev. Clinton L. Bowen, the welcome address by Carl Neeley, objectives given by Clyde Edward Holt, and accomplishments of the group thus far by George King.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO BE ENTERTAINED

The Wesley Girls class of the M. E. church (Mrs. Jack Cates, teacher) will be entertained next Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10, at 3 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. R. L. Thompson. Misses Jenkins and McCaleb will act as hostesses. All members of the class are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hilton were here from Dallas last week for a short visit with friends.

Our Rural Readers



A beef was cauned at Dr. Conrad's Friday. The following products were cauned: Roast, rolled roast, steak, soup stock, mince meat and chili.

Blue, rose, tan, brown, green and gold socks are seen in almost every home demonstration club member's home. These club members are getting ready to make that rug that must fit into a definite space in their homes.

Seventy-five pairs of pillow cases have been completed as the home improvement articles of Wise county club girls. These pillow cases are made according to directions approved by the extension service of A. & M. College.

Scrape, scrape, scrape—the home demonstration agent hears as she visits living room demonstrators. These women are getting their rooms into the best condition possible for the second visit of the living room judging committee, Mrs. J. A. Simmons and Mrs. Bess Thompson. This sometimes means removing the old finish and refinishing most of the furniture in the room.

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 10, Paul Cunyus, poultry specialist with the extension service of A. & M. College, will discuss with Wise county poultrymen the better ways to manage turkeys and chickens. Every person in the county raising turkeys and chickens is urged to meet in the county courtroom at 1:30 p. m. on Tuesday. Bring your questions; the specialist will help you to solve your problems and make some money, even though times are hard.

In order to have plenty of food in the pantry for next year, plan to plant an abundance of vegetables, and plan to preserve the following amount for each member of the family: 10 quarts leafy vegetables, 12 quarts starchy vegetables, 12 quarts other vegetables, 24 quarts fruit, 20 quarts tomatoes, 10 pint preserves and relishes, 10 pints of meat or other protein, 10 pounds dried beans, 25 pounds cured meat, Irish and sweet potatoes and onions in abundance for the family.

A one-twentieth acre garden will be planted by all Wise county 4-H garden demonstrators. First year girls will plant tomatoes, mustard and anything else that they like. Second year girls will plant tomatoes, carrots, beans or peas, Swiss chard and other vegetables that they like. Third year girls will plant tomatoes, beets, beans, cabbage and five grapes. Fourth year girls will plant tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, radishes, cucumbers, New Zealand spinach and 10 berry vines.

A show sheep tour will be made by those interested, on next Saturday morning, Feb. 7, starting from the county agent's office at nine o'clock and returning to Decatur by noon. Come one, come all, go with the group, and see the sheep the boys are preparing for the Fort Worth fat stock show. Show your interest in one of our most potential industries. Every business house in town is urged to send at least one representative.

A negro minstrel will be put on at Allison Friday night.

CHICAGO OPERA CO. BRINGS OUTSTANDING ARTISTS TO TEXAS

Great Lyric Organization to
Present Three Works
in Dallas.

In two performances—one of a French opera, Ambroise Thomas' "Mignon," and the other of a German opera, Wagner's "Die Walkure"—the Chicago Civic Opera Company, with many brilliant new stars and old favorites, will appear in Dallas on the evenings of February 18 and 19 at the Fair Park Auditorium.

Among the artists who will sing in the Dallas engagement are Frida Leider, Margherita Salvi, Maria



Tito Schipa as Wilhelm Meister
in Mignon
Chicago Civic Opera Company

Olszewska, Coe Glade, Jenny Turrel, Emma Redell, Tito Schipa, Theodore Strack, Alexander Kipnis, Chase Baromeo, Desire Defrere and Eugenio Sandrini.

Mignon Presents Schipa.
In the cast for "Mignon" are Tito Schipa, the famous lyric tenor of the Chicagoans, as Wilhelm Meister; Margherita Salvi, dainty coloratura soprano from Madrid, Spain, as Philina; Coe Glade, American contralto who has toured with the Chicago company and sung leading roles in Chicago for three years, as Mignon; and Chase Baromeo, American basso of Augusta, Ga., who has been with



Margherita Salvi as Philina
in Mignon
Chicago Civic Opera Company

the company in Chicago and on tour for five seasons, as Lothario. Emil Cooper will conduct.

"Mignon," by Ambroise Thomas, is a liberal adaptation of Goethe's novel, "Wilhelm Meister." Mignon is a girl of unknown parentage who has been stolen by gypsies and forced to dance with their troupe. On one occasion, when she rebels against her gypsy master in the courtyard of a German inn, she is saved from a beating by a student, Wilhelm. She falls in love with him and follows him around in man's dress, chaperoned by an old demented harper, Lothario. Her love for Wilhelm is thwarted by the sinister actress Philina, until Wilhelm's pity and love for her are roused after he has saved her again—this time



Alexander Kipnis as Wotan
in Die Walkure
Chicago Civic Opera Company

from a burning building. She, Wilhelm and Lothario escape from the malice of Philina to Italy, where Lothario recovers his memory, finds

that Mignon is his daughter, and unites her to Wilhelm.

Great Wagnerian Opera.
The cast for "Die Walkure" includes Frida Leider, the sensational dramatic soprano of the Chicago com-



Frida Leider as Bruennhilde
in Die Walkure
Chicago Civic Opera Company

pany, as Bruennhilde; Maria Olszewska, who has delighted Chicago audiences for three seasons and has toured for the same length of time, as Fricka; Emma Redell, American soprano, as Sieglinde; Theodore Strack, German dramatic tenor, as Siegmund; Alexander Kipnis, the great Wagnerian bass-baritone, as Wotan, and Chase Baromeo as Hunding. Emil Cooper will conduct.

"Die Walkure" is one of the four operas comprising Wagner's great tetralogy, "The Ring of the Nibelungs"—a story of the reign and fall of the gods. Though the story is continuous from one opera to another, each is a complete story in itself. The characters are gods and heroes;



Maria Olszewska as Fricka
in Die Walkure
Chicago Civic Opera Company

but Wagner meant them to stand for characters in any age, and their problems are as much the problems of modern America as of primitive Germany.

Siegmund, a son of Wotan, chief of the gods, takes refuge in a house where his unknown sister Sieglinde is the unwilling wife of Hunding. They fall in love, and flee from Hunding's house together. Wotan, hard pressed by the problems of governing the world, has counted on Siegmund to recover for him the Rhinegold (which has magic power) from the giant Fafnir to whom Wotan has given it in payment of a debt. Though Bruennhilde, Wotan's favorite daughter and one of the Valkyries, urges him to protect Siegmund, Wotan yields at last to the commands of his consort Fricka, goddess of law, who insists that the guilty couple be punished. He permits Siegmund to be killed by Hunding; but Bruennhilde, disobeying him, rescues Sieglinde from his wrath. In punishment, he condemns her to sleep until she is awakened by some mortal man, who may then possess her. But he grants her the boon of being enshrined by fire while he sleeps, so that none but a hero may wake her.

The performances of the Chicago Civic Opera Company in Dallas are being presented by the Dallas Grand Opera Committee. The seat sale will open on February 2 at the D. L. Whittle Music Company, 1213 Elm street. Mail orders are being received at present.

Love can't give men any new gifts. It can only heighten the gifts he was born with.—Shaw.

Man gives every reason for his conduct, says one; every excuse for his crimes, says one; every plea for his safety, says one; and that is his cowardice.—Shaw.

(You can not believe in honor until you have achieved it. Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.—Shaw.

Shame is to the man who fights with his head what cowardice is to the man who fights with his hands.—Shaw.

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.—Shaw.

Doc Einstein says that space is the only reality. Practically all publicity sounds rank it as first anyhow.—Dallas News.

SKYGAK SAYS FOR TWO BOYS

Word has recently come to us that some of our refined readers have been razzing our good friend, Booth Mooney, for being so unladylike as to speak of buzzards in his column. Well, it isn't any of our business, perhaps, but we just want to say it's got to be stopped no matter who said it. The fact is those birds at the head of his column are not buzzards, neither are they doves. They are wild ducks. The ducks were scared up by George Cunnius who was hunting just beyond that clump of trees in the background on the day the picture was made.

We just want to say right here that, next to George Cunnius, we don't know of a nicer boy anywhere than Booth Mooney, the originator of "In the Open" column in the Messenger, and he is in a class with Will Rogers and Mark Twain when it comes to real wit and humor.

Without giving a free puff to any brand of cigarettes, we venture the opinion that Booth and George are two of the most Chesterfieldian young men in their department of any young men of our acquaintance. In fact these two young men are so refined they would likely be shot for sissies outside of their home town.

Just because these boys almost start a riot among the members of the fair sex when they appear in public is no fault of the boys. These boys can't help their popularity with the girls. We are sure jealousy is back of it all, and we want it strictly understood here and now that it must be stopped.

We are for Booth and George first, last and all the time. We were once young like they are now and we know what it means to be a heartbreaker. We know what it means to have the girls follow us around in droves—with an irate father just a few jumps behind with his trusty shotgun loaded with buckshot. We, too, know what it means to have our hide shot so full of holes that it could have been played like a music roll on a player piano if there had been one handy to play it on.

It was our painful privilege to be present in the office one day recently and witness Booth undergo a barrage of fire laid down by an astute lady magazine agent. Old Booth withstood the attack more like a stone wall than Stonewall Jackson himself. He not only stood like Jackson, but like the boy on the burning deck, he budged not an inch nor so much as moved his head, as the flames that lit the battle's wreck shone round him over the dead.

Like the bronze statue of a mighty race horse, he stood with bowed neck, extended nostrils and flashing eye, accompanied by an occasional flip of the head to throw his forepaw back, he defied the fair damsel to do her worst.

While this life and death struggle was going on, the rest of the office force, including the editor, could do nothing to help—only to stand in a huddle near the big press and weep scalding tears of sympathy, and slyly place odds on Booth to win.

But alas, and alack! "The plans of mice and men gang aft a-glee." No sooner had the force dried its tears and begun to hope the lady had lost the battle, she changed her tactics, and the force knew that chaos and race rioting would follow in her wake.

The lady stopped all foolishness, took Booth's head in her hands, looked deep into his soulful eyes,

deftly him under the chin—and the result? Ouzgosh! In a flash all his sales resistance vanished, and like a mighty stricken battleship, he shivered from stern to stern and rapidly listed to starboard. As he was going down for the third and last time, and before any of the force could reach him with the smelling salts, he coughed up nine dollars and four bits into the lady's hand, and she went on her way rejoicing.

This is not a time for laughter or criticism, gentle reader, but rather a time of solemn meditation and self examination. We don't blame Booth one bit for what he did. In fact, after we saw the lady tickle him under the chin, we followed her clear to the depot and offered her two dollars just to hold our head one minute and scratch us behind the ears. But she only gave us the fish eye and grabbed the rattle and rolled away.

Let us repeat right here Booth is our friend, and if he wants a parrot or woodpecker in his column, it's nobody's business. And we don't mean maybe either. Get me?—SKYGAK.

Attend the Majestic tonight.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE Or trade—Good road cart; new wheels.—W. W. BROWN, Carrier rte. 6. 4-1f

HEMSTITCHING— at reasonable rates.—MRS. DICK RIEGER, first door west of Telephone Office. 6

FOR SALE—Four wheel trailer, freshly painted, in good condition; bargain.—C. B. MECASKEY, route 4, Decatur. 6-1f

FOR SALE—Purebred Rhode Island Red eggs; Hoyle strain; 50c per setting.—MATT MOONEY. 7

FOR SALE—Eggs from blue ribbon winners, English White Leghorns; \$3.50 per hundred.—B. S. WISE, Route-2, Boyd. 11

SWEET POTATO SEED, about 150 bushel Porto Rico yams, state inspected, and as good as you would want; will begin selling on Monday, Feb. 23 at \$1.25 per bushel at storage, 3 miles south of Chico.—J. C. HENRY. 9

LOOK — Bargain: 1928 Chevrolet coach, \$50 cash, balance monthly.—H. F. HEAD. 6-1f

EIGHTY MILES PER GALLON, Indian, Henderson, Excelsior Motorcycles; Used machines; all makes. Get our list. Phone or write.—FORT WORTH MOTORCYCLE CO., 1416 East Front St. 11

FOR SALE—Handmade saddle; in good condition; a bargain. See GEORGE CUNNIUS at Nelson's Economy Store. 11

FOR SALE—1000 bushels Red Oats.—G. B. MALCOLM, Rte. 6, Decatur. 7

IT IS WELL to remember that when you place your insurance with me, four of the companies I represent listed last year over \$115,000,000 in assets. No little weaklings. I need your business, and you need the protection. I have been in the business over 25 years and aim to be till the end. I shall be glad to serve you. FARM business a specialty. Come to see me.—J. W. BAILEY, Decatur, Texas. 7

FOR SALE—Good fresh buttermilk, at 15c a gallon; 20c a gallon when delivered. See MRS. J. L. MURDOCK. 11

FOR SALE—An Humphry's Cottage hot water heater; good condition; reasonably priced. Call at Messenger office 11

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CHEVROLET SALES & SERVICE

LAW-MAKERS TO PASS ON RACING

The first hearing on the so-called fair association bill, which sets up machinery for race horse contests and other exhibitions and providing funds for encouragement of stock breeding, was held in Austin by a subcommittee of the house state affairs committee. The group is composed of Representatives E. T. Murphy, Frank T. West, Vernon Lemens and T. C. Ferguson. Thursday night the entire state affairs committee will meet and discuss the measure, which promises to be one of the most interesting before the forty-second.

The bill proposes to create a board of five members, commissioner of agriculture, presidents of A. & M. College and College of Arts and Industries, while the other two members would be appointed by the governor, one a Spanish-American war veteran or a Legionnaire and the other a bonafide farmer.

This board would supervise all contests at fairs, 2 per cent of the proceeds to go to the board, and when the board has an excess of \$500 above expenses it would go to the state's general revenue fund.

Speed, breeding and endurance contests would be authorized and contributions received for any animal for first, second or third place, "the person or persons so contributing to have an interest in the total contributed in proportion to the amount of money contributed by him."

Donors would receive receipts from the fair association designating contest, amount contributed and number and name of the horse selected. The bill asserts that no such contributions may be solicited or received except upon the fair association premises and that an individual could not subscribe more than \$10 on a single animal.

Jockeys, drivers and exhibitors would be required under the bill to obtain licenses from the state board costing \$5 each. No contests would be permitted on Sunday.

One of the provisions, arranging for the 2 per cent going to the board, says that county commissioners' courts shall buy seed and distribute it free and in addition buy pure bred bulls, cows, horses, sheep and goats, hogs and poultry.

Part of the contributions placed upon horses would be retained by fair associations for operating expenses, buildings and premiums. The bill makes it optional with any county fair association whether it wants to adopt the contribution system.

The board would be required to maintain its principal offices in Austin.

While there has been no activity on the bill so far, there is much interest. A similar measure was defeated in the house during the forty-first legislature by a close vote, it never having reached the senate.

All fair associations coming under the act would be required to put up bond for good behavior.

Fairs obtaining a license under the act would be charged a fee of \$50 when the county in which they are located has less than a 150,000 population and \$500 when the population exceeds that figure.

SHOWER GIVEN BRIDE

A shower was given Miss Margaret Shoemaker, at the home of Miss Lois Breedlove on South Trinity street, by the G. G. G. Club. Miss Shoemaker became the bride of Mr. Jeff Fox on Tuesday, February 3.

A color scheme of pink and white was carried out. The bridesmaids in the Tom Thumb wedding wore pink dresses with pink flowers.

Refreshments of cake and brick ice cream with white background and a red heart in the center, and favors of hearts with the date of the wedding were served to fifty-three guests.

The guests were also entertained by the following: Miss Linnie Blewett, who sang "I'm Yours" and "You Darling." Miss Eva Ruth Brady read "That Little Band of Gold." A Tom Thumb wedding was given with Miss Ruth Collins as bride, Miss Eva Beth Brown, maid of honor; Misses Bernice Re Heathington, Sarah Louise Brewer, Mary Elizabeth Ferguson, Mary Alice Brady, bridesmaids; May Beth Robinson, ring bearer; Herman Greer Brewer, groom; Clifton Hall, Jr., best man; Frank Dickson Hardwick, preacher; Miss Jackie Lois Belew sang "I Love You Truly."

The bride received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Sheriff Workman asks the Messenger to state that Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays will not be recognized as visitors' day at the county jail, and he solicits the general public to please take note of the rule.

Pretty speeches make very sickly conversation.—Shaw.

On the Street

Messenger editor was honored one day this week by a visit from his long-time friend, and one of the best citizens in all this section; Mrs. C. B. Gunn. And, when she came, she brought along a beautiful bouquet of flowers for the editor's desk. We appreciate the friendship of this splendid and noble character; we are better for having known her, and it is good and inspiring to know, as she trods the road toward the setting sun, living every day a life worthy of emulation by those who would make secure a reward in the life beyond the stars—yes, we say, it makes a fellow better, to know such a good and noble woman gives flowers and her blessing. Thank you, good friend; and may the best come to you in this world; and you richly deserve the reward coming to you "over there."

"With Decatur's natural drainage, and with just a little pride on the part of the citizens to assist in keeping the town clean, we should boast the cleanest and best-kept little city in the state," remarked a Decatur citizen as he stood viewing the trash heaps and litter in one of the alleys off the public square. "It is little short of a calamity and a disgrace for visitors here to behold our lack of civic pride in keeping the town clean. How easy this would be accomplished if the people, the property owners would be a little more careful as to the disposition of their trash. Look at that alley and that lot over there; not a town, not an unincorporated town, in Texas, with such conditions existing," and he pointed down the alley and at the lot, which were littered with filth and trash of every description. "Probably nothing short of a gully-washing flood can be expected to do the work," he said.

Dropped over at the trading ground a few minutes Monday, to mingle with the crowds, and to see how many of the traders were down on the list of the pioneer paper. Found a majority reading the Messenger, and a number were enrolled for the year 1931. Saw two of the youngest devotees of the horse trading game we have ever met. Two of them; each about a yard high. One was astride an old gray, past forty, probably, and from his looks had missed many regular meals. The youngster on the horse wanted

SINGING TO BE HELD SUNDAY

The regular second Sunday singing services will be held at the Fundamental Baptist church next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9th.

These singing services have been a regular feature of the program of the church since its organization, and have proved very popular not only with the members of the church but with many outsiders as well.

This monthly singing has brought to light some really excellent singers besides providing an interesting time for those who attend. The Bridgeport Quartet, which recently sang over the radio in Fort Worth, is one group that has aided greatly in making this one of the most popular and best-attended features of the Fundamental program in Decatur.

Many other singers, both in groups and as individuals, have sung in the church at one time or another, and a number of them will be present at the singing Sunday, some of them coming miles to be there.

If you like good singing, if you love the Lord and like to hear Him praised in song, you will make no mistake in coming to the Fundamental tabernacle next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

MUSIC CLUB MEETS

The McDowell Music Club met with Mrs. J. M. Crisp, its sponsor, Thursday, January 29th, at the home of Mrs. Hayes Dunaway.

Those on the program were Lillian Rogers, Ruth Collins, Billy Hanna, Lerwood Gosup, Jewel Burton, Zo Evelyn Deaton and Eloise Stone. Little Jack Davenport honored the club with a special on his saxophone. Eloise Stone gave a report on Edward McDowell, the famous American composer, after whom the club was named.

Mrs. Arnold Davenport and Mrs. Leroy Blackburn were visitors with the club. The rhythm band gave several pleasing selections.

Some times we are led to believe in evolution and to think that the head-hunters of other days have descendants who are headline hunters today.—Deaton Herald.

the other boy to climb aboard, but was a little leery about Old Gray permitting two on his back. Calling to his daddy, the kid asked: "Will he lide double, daddy?" The daddy did not reply, and the boy on the ground, impatient to get up on the horse, was heard to remark "Course he will widge double," and up he scrambled. Old Gray pliffed several straws from a near-by wagon and moved off.

Women Who Enshrine Valentino

No man in history, perhaps, ever inspired such adoration from women as did Rudolph Valentino.

Now that he is dead, they have elevated him to something like sainthood.

This observation, made by the film critic of the London Daily Telegraph, applies primarily to his own countrywomen, but women of other nations join in the association of which he writes:

"Three years ago his English admirers formed the Valentino Association, which now has branches in many places, ranging from Stockholm to Calcutta.

Each year they give Christmas presents to hospitals, in Valentino's name, and the English branch organizes a season of festivity, in addition to gifts, at the Italian Hospital in London, in the work of which the dead film star was interested.

This year, elaborate plans are being made to honor his memory at the hospital. Two years ago the star's admirers presented it with a beautifully laid-out roof garden, and last August they equipped and opened there the 'Valentino Ward for Children' available for children of all nationalities.

With the women of other countries they raised a big sum of money toward the erection of a memorial to Valentino in a Hollywood public park. This takes the form of a fountain, surmounted by a bronze figure signifying 'Aspiration.'

"Valentino's memory is kept alive in many other ways: by correspondence among the members of the association; by selling postcards, photographs, biographies of the star, and copies of his book of poems called 'Day Dreams.'

"Some of personal souvenirs of him which they keep in the form of a shrine, constantly surrounded by fresh flowers.

"They arrange for revivals of his films everywhere, and travel incredible distances to see them, even bringing wreaths to leave in the cinema vestibule."

A new war book is described as showing "the seamy side of trench life." This is a very apt phrase, for the little fellows had a habit of congregating in the seams.—Detroit News.

SEED ORDERED FOR FARMERS

Following a meeting of truck growing farmers in the court house last Saturday, the first seed order for cantaloupes was forwarded on Monday after a check of the orders was made. The order amounted to 450 pounds of seed for the general Decatur territory. The seed will be received here the first part of next week and will be distributed by the J. A. Parr grocery. Those who have put in orders for seed should apply there.

Applications for fertilizer were also received at Saturday's meeting and almost enough received to order the first car load. Any farmer who has not yet applied for seed and fertilizer should apply at the chamber of commerce next Saturday afternoon between one and three o'clock when members of the committee will be present. Fertilizers are cheaper than ever before, and it is desired to file enough additional orders Saturday to make it possible to order the first car immediately.

BETTER HOGS COMING INTO WISE COUNTY

Better hogs are coming into Wise county. J. E. Douglass has ordered a registered Hampshire male from the widely known herd of Carl Williamson of Iowa Park, Texas.

Herbert Ferguson recently bought two registered Hampshire sows and one grade Hampshire sow.

Ray Christian has also recently bought two Hampshire sows. The Hampshire hogs are probably the most popular breed of hog today due to their wonderful bacon qualities and ability to raise large numbers of pigs.

J. E. Douglass also received last week a registered Hampshire gilt which was secured through the cooperation of N. P. Stephenson, vocational agriculture teacher of Decatur high school. Gordon Reed, vocational agriculture student, Decatur high, also secured a registered gilt through Mr. Stephenson.

It is the deed that teaches, not the name we give it.—Shaw.

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"Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always begin the right; but our country, right or wrong." —Stephen, Decatur.

Thursday Morning, February 5, 1931

Forty Years Ago

February 14, 1891.

Over 50 bales of cotton were marketed in Decatur on Wednesday.

Frank Wharton of Cottdale, spent a few days in the city this week.

Over 30 of the leading citizens of Springtown issued a card, on the 9th of this month, stating that the schools had reopened, and there was not at that time any meningitis in town, and admitting but two deaths by that disease. This can be relied on as a true statement.

A thief broke into Henry Field's residence last night and stole a ham and probably some other provisions. Fields saw the party leaving, but could not identify him.

The Pacific express office has been moved to the south side of East Main street.

H. Sewell has bought the remainder of the R. M. Reid bankrupt stock at \$500. Mr. Reid has sufficiently recovered from his sickness to be out in town again.

Max Goldman and family are located at Denlon.

In the district court this morning, Mrs. Julia A. Harrison recovered a judgment of \$3000 damages and \$500 attorneys' fees against the American Mutual Accident association of Tennessee. It will be remembered that her husband was killed at the Alvord fair.

Charley Jane, while out hunting one day last week, cocked his gun to shoot at a rabbit. Before he had an opportunity to shoot, the rabbit escaped and he unthoughtfully placed the muzzle of the gun on his foot, and accidentally discharged the gun, severing his big toe.

Paying the Piper

This county is getting its share of bank robbers. Two Wise county banks were held up last month.

I know nothing of the bandits themselves. Perhaps they were hard pressed men with families, who became desperate over the circumstances in which they found themselves, and resolved that they would get money and the things money will buy even if they had to resort to dishonest means to do it.

Perhaps they were simply bad characters who prefer a dishonest to an honest way of living. This is more probably true, for it is not very often that an inherently honest man will find himself so pressed that he will resort to crime.

But in either case, it seems to me that one thought should be sufficient to deter any man, no matter how desperate his condition, from turning to such a method of gaining a livelihood.

This is the picture of the hunted bank robber, tracked by bloodhounds over hills and through canyons, sought by men who had, in probably the majority of cases, much rather kill him than take him alive, knowing that every man's hand is against him and that perforce his hand must be against every man.

Perhaps wounded, probably hungry, ducking through the woods like a hunted animal, his mind a seething cauldron of half-mad fear, his reason tottering within him, certainly such a man does not present an alluring spectacle.

Here is something that as a preventive of crime is greater than all the copybook maxims, much more effective than hundreds of talks. This is the horrible example. This is the part of which the potential criminal rarely thinks.

If he did it can hardly be supposed that he would commit offenses against society. For the law never forgets, and in strict justice there can be no forgiveness.—B. M.

The poetry of a people is likewise its philosophy.—Ibsen.

To withhold deserved praise lest it should make its object conceited is as dishonest as to withhold payment of a just debt lest your creditor should spend the money badly.—Shaw.

Twenty Years Ago

February 10, 1911.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Foster, four miles north of town, Monday, a daughter.

The Epworth Leaguers enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thompson, last Friday.

Miss Lola Belle Devereux is this week teaching in the Sunset school in place of Miss Beulah Hollabaugh of Alvord, who is ill.

The boxing contest that was scheduled to take place at the opera house last Saturday night failed to come off, owing to the law prohibiting such entertainments.

Frank Burns, Chas. Workman, C. C. Lewis, Jno. Wasson, William Workman, Tom Greer, Lee McConnell and Dave Simpson attended the I. O. O. F. celebration at Chico this week.

Postmaster Ball has placed a roomy wastebasket in the lobby of the postoffice. The public should aid in keeping the postoffice neat by using the basket.

Miss Thelma Lewis entertained her young friends last Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being her eighth birthday. A large crowd was present, and all enjoyed the party. Miss Thelma received many nice presents.

While trying to "cut out" certain mules in his lot northeast of the city last Monday morning, Guinn Williams, one of the most prominent stock dealers in the community, was kicked on the left leg by one of the animals and seriously injured. It was feared that the leg was broken, but the physicians say that the wound is not of such a serious nature as to prevent Mr. Williams from being out in a short time.

common sense and, above all, for his real human qualities. He is loved because he is clean in his personal dealings and his private life, in his writings and in his entertainment; because he loves people, and because he's the same Will Rogers today that was an Oklahoma cowboy 30 years ago and a struggling vaudeville actor 20 years ago. Success in no wise has spoiled him or left the slightest trace. Nowhere is he more at home than among his old cronies of the ranch days, the riders and the ropers, and there is none whose company he enjoys more. Spending three weeks' time and his own money, using every type of transportation to make from two to three engagements a day in an effort to make as much money as possible for a Red Cross fund, is just another manifestation of his humanitarianism and another reason why the American public thinks so much of him.—Star Telegram.

The only real tragedy in life is the being used by personally-minded men for purposes which you know to be base.—Shaw.

Shall the Lash Be Restored?

Convicts must work for their bread and butter, even as the rest of us.

But suppose they throw down their tools and refuse to do another stroke. What then?

Georgia tried the lash, and then discarded it, after it was found to be illegal and probably inhuman. An effort to restore it by constitutional amendment is reported by the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer-Sun to have failed. Solitary confinement is being suggested as more humane and effective.

But the Macon Telegraph doesn't agree that the use of the lash is inherently wrong and it recalls when its use was forbidden, convicts became, in many instances "absolutely defiant, and refused to work. Wardens and guards were practically powerless to make them work or to enforce any other effective discipline."

What to do then with a convict when he refuses to work? As The Telegraph sees it:

"To shut him up, even in solitary confinement, does not always meet the situation, and certainly it is rather expensive to have to feed and clothe him without getting any labor from him in return. His moral victory over the authorities is in itself a breakdown in the whole penal system."

"On the whole, when we look at the matter from the point of view of common sense, it seems the part of wisdom to legalize whipping under strict and enforced regulations as a punishment for rebellious convicts. Bad and revolting as whipping

a human being is, it has been demonstrated that there are worse forms of correction now in use in Georgia prisons." Beauty is all very well at first sight; but who ever looks at it when it has been in the house three days? —Shaw.

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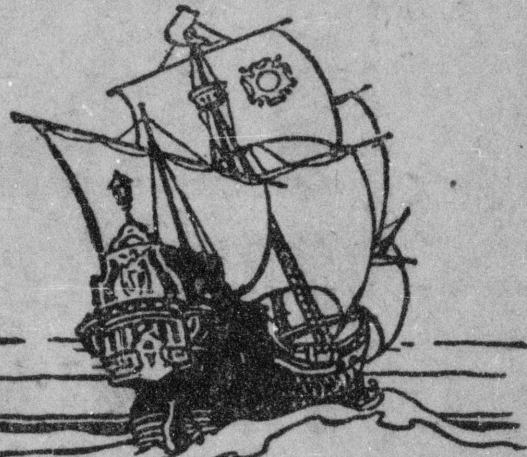
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LOCAL NEWS

Virginia Patterson, Reporter

Miss Margaret Sue Fox was a Fort Worth visitor Monday.

Miss Eugene House visited in Alford Sunday.

Jude J. E. Currier of Weatherford was in the city this week.

Miss Ethel Dill visited friends in Fort Worth last week-end.

J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls was in Decatur last week.

C. T. Gettys was a Fort Worth visitor Saturday.

Come to the negro minstrel to be given at Allison Friday night.

Mmes. W. T. and Sam Leonard were shopping in Decatur Friday.

Mrs. H. M. Helm attended a party in Bridgeport Wednesday.

T. J. Dillehay was in Dallas on business Friday.

Born, to Mrs. H. G. Blair on Jan. 27, 1931, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hargrove and son were Bowie visitors last week.

Page Battrell of Grapevine, was a Decatur visitor Tuesday.

Bargain nights at the Majestic on Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Freda Reeves of Dallas, visited homefolks here last week-end.

E. and Mrs. P. J. Pullingim, of Dallas, were Decatur visitors last Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Patterson of C. I. A., at Denton, visited homefolks in Decatur last week-end.

Miss Maxine Christian visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Bobo in Rhame Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milligan from Greenwood were in Decatur on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Gentry of Greenwood, were Decatur shoppers Saturday.

Dr. Jones of the University of Austin, visited homefolks last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyd of Austin, visited homefolks in Decatur last week-end.

Donald Bros., attorneys, of Bowie, were in Decatur Monday on business.

Vic Baldrige and Bob Gibson of Chico, were Decatur visitors Thursday.

Johnny Woody and daughter of Fort Worth were Decatur visitors last Tuesday.

Merle Waggoner of Wichita Falls, was a Decatur visitor on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward and son of Dallas, were Decatur visitors Sunday.

Mrs. E. R. Foust of Fort Worth, visited Cris England and family here this week.

Don't forget the negro minstrel at Allison next Friday night. Come and yourself.

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Mr. G. D. McAdams and children of Quannah, are visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. H. W. Barton of Wichita Falls was a Decatur visitor on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burton were in Fort Worth last week.

Emory Gose, Jr. and Miss Mary Frances Gose visited Mrs. W. D. Smith in Fort Worth last week.

Paul Bennett and children, and Houston Bennett of Wichita Falls, were Decatur visitors Sunday.

Miss Clara Castleberry of T. C. U. at Fort Worth, was a visitor with homefolks here last Sunday.

S. B. Pearson served on the federal grand jury in Fort Worth on last Monday.

Mrs. Holly Renshaw and daughter Miss Martha Elizabeth, were Fort Worth visitors Saturday.

See and hear Buzz Barton in "Canyon Hawks" at Majestic Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. T. J. Dillehay was in Fort Worth Friday, visiting her sister, Mrs. Downs.

Mrs. Ed Dodge and Mrs. Ed Muncy of Stillwell, were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nobles and Leslie Nobles and Miss Vera Jenkins spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Mmes. H. F. Head and L. T. Hargrove were Fort Worth visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lusk of St. Jo, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lusk here last week-end.

Rev. Scott W. Hickey is visiting his parents in Nevada, Texas, this week.

Troy Porter of S. M. U., at Dallas, visited homefolks here last week-end.

Allison school's V. B. Club will give a negro minstrel Friday night, Feb. 6. Seventy-five per cent of the proceeds will go to the Willing Workers' Club. Admission is ten and fifteen cents. Come!

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gill and Miss Francis Gill were Denton visitors on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Waggoner and daughter of Wichita Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson and family here last week.

Mrs. Jack Moss and daughters, Misses Roberta and Katherine, of Denton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cates here last week-end.

Misses Loree Dalton and Bonnie Gahnes of Dallas, visited Misses Maurine and Maxine McCracken in Decatur last week-end.

Elgene Thomason of A. & M. College, at College Station, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomason here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown and daughter, Miss Kathleen, of Greenwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Christian here last Saturday.

Mrs. Mabel Keeton of the Masonic Home at Fort Worth, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Cody Milligan and Miss Bell Ford, here this week.

NOTICE

To the people of Precinct No. 5, Wise county, Texas: Please do not permit your livestock to roam at large. It is a violation of the law.—J. A. Chandler, J. P.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dale Thorn, pastor of the First Baptist church of Graham, dropped into the service last Sunday night and was prevailed upon to preach. He brought an interesting and inspiring gospel message which was enjoyed by all. Rev. Thorn was reared in Wise county, his father now living at Alvord. He is a graduate of Decatur Baptist College, was converted while a student there, and was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Decatur church a few years ago. He gives promise of a brilliant and useful ministry and is another witness to the noble work being done by Decatur College.

The B. Y. P. U. will present an interesting and instructive playlet at the opening exercises of the union at

6:15 next Sunday evening. All are invited to be present, and an unusually large attendance is expected.—Reporter.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Methodist Missionary Society met in circles, with 34 old and two new members present. Social service reports were given. The Bible Study will meet with Mrs. Late Renshaw Monday, February 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Gularin and children of Olney have moved to Decatur to make their home. Mr. Gularin will be employed with the Decatur Hardware Company.

Worth makes the man and want of it the fellow.—Pope.

"Escape" acclaimed supreme sensation of the talkies! Monday and Tuesday at the Majestic. Don't miss it.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

A meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Shidell, Texas, is hereby called to meet on April 14th, 1931, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to close the business of the above named bank and to surrender its corporate franchise, in conformity with the provisions of Article, 539-540, R. C. S., of Texas.

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SCOUTS OBSERVE 21ST BIRTHDAY PRIZE OFFERED FOR OLD MOHAIR

On Sunday, February 8th, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate their 21st anniversary. Twenty one years of scouting in this country have seen 4,491,982 different boys enrolled in this movement, or one out of seven of scout age. The week of February 8-14 is celebrated each year and this year it is more significant, for the Boy Scouts have come of age.

Decatur is a part of the Fort Worth area council which was organized in 1920 and now numbers more than 1800 scouts and leaders. The scout movement was begun by Sir Robert Baden-Powell during the Boer war. Departing from the usual manner of training the men in his regiment, he substituted games, taught his men how to follow a track, and the other mysteries of the out of doors. The result was that his men were able to take care of themselves under all conditions, and the morale of his regiment was unsurpassed. On returning to England after the war, he was amazed to find that his men who had returned were teaching groups of boys these same games which he had taught them. The scout idea was born and since then has spread to every nation.

There is an interesting story in connection with the beginning of the movement in America. W. D. Boyce, an American publisher, was in London and lost his way. A newsboy saw his predicament and volunteered to take him to his destination. Through short cuts known only to a Londoner, he quickly guided him. On arrival Boyce offered the youngster a tip. The tip was refused, the lad saying that he could not accept a tip for a good turn because he was a scout. Boyce became so interested that he visited Baden-Powell and on his return to America began the organization of the Boy Scouts of America. The movement was actually incorporated on February 8, 1910.

In 1916 the Boy Scouts received a federal charter. Only three other organizations have been so honored. These are the American Legion, the American Red Cross and the Near East Relief. This charter has been misconstrued by many. The Boy Scouts have no relation to the army. The movement is neither military nor non-military.

Since its inception the scout movement has grown in numbers and usefulness. Each scout does a daily good turn and scouts collectively have during the 21 years performed many outstanding national and community services.

The movement is administered by volunteers. With more than 200,000 volunteers in the nation there are less than 1000 professional scout men. Presidents of the United States have without exception served as honorary presidents of the Boy Scouts of America and in so doing have taken an active interest.

LOCAL COUPLE WED. WICHITA FALLS, TUESDAY

Jeff Fox and Miss Margaret Shoemaker were united in marriage on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1931, in Wichita Falls, Texas, at 6 p. m., with a ring ceremony.

Miss Shoemaker the bride, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roe Shoemaker of our city. She is a graduate of Decatur high school, and was attending Decatur Baptist College before her marriage. She is one of the most popular young ladies in Decatur and is liked and respected by all who know her.

Jeff Fox the groom, is the son of Mrs. Albert Fox of this city. He is also a graduate of D. H. S., and has since his graduation attended N. T. A. C. at Arlington and A. & M. College at College Station. He is a very popular and dependable young man. He is an employee of R. M. Buck, draftsman.

Those attending the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fox were: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Faith, Howard Jordan, Miss Lois Bredlove, Miss Margaret Sue Fox, all of Decatur, and Miss Jewel Ray Fox of Quanah.

The Messenger joins the many friends of this young couple in wishing for them success and happiness in their life together.

Prosperity is a fine thing, but the optimistic reading matter is reduced by adversity.—San Diego Union.

CUSTOM HATCHING AND BABY CHICKS

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WHY A MERCHANT LOST A SALE

This is a true story that happened in Iowa.

A man entered a store and made a small purchase. As the merchant was wrapping it up for him, the customer pointed to a package under his arm and said:

"I wonder if you would mind wrapping this up a little better for me? It got kinda damaged in shipping."

"Not at all," said the merchant. "What have you been getting?"

"Some kind of a patented salt I've been reading about in the farm magazines," replied the customer. "It was announced in an advertisement the other day that they had just got in a carload and were selling it at a special price in ten-pound lots, so I sent for some to try it out. It's something new, I guess, and I've never seen any of it, but I thought I'd try it out on this special offer."

"What did it cost you?" queried the storekeeper. The customer told him.

"Huh!" snorted the storekeeper. "Special, my eye. They just hooked you, that's all! I have it right here and sell it every day at ten cents a pound less and you don't have to take it in ten pound lots either."

"The deuce you say," returned the customer. "Don't that beat all? I've been reading of it in the farm papers quite a while and thinking I'd try some, but didn't know where to get it until I read it in an ad the other day, and then I sat right down and sent in my order."

"Better try at home next time," announced the proprietor a little acidly, as he handed him the re-wrapped package. "You would have saved a dollar on this."

"Thanks for the advice," replied the customer with his hand on the door latch. "Now, let me give you some. You better try advertising what you have to sell and at what price. I'd bought it a long time ago from you if I'd known you carried it, but you waited for me to come in and buy it."

"This advertisement told me they had it, and I bought from them. Probably a lot more of your customers did the same and I don't see that you can blame them if they did. When a business house lets me know it has something I want, I am going to buy it from them instead of going some place to ask if they have it. If you don't care enough for your customers to inform them what you have to sell, you'll continue losing business."



How to play Bridge

AUCTION or CONTRACT

by Wynne Ferguson

Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

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ARTICLE No. 7

Here are three example hands that were played recently at one of the New York Clubs. Test your knowledge of the game by working out solutions. The solutions, when compared with the ones given in the next article, will enable you to get a good comparative line on your game.

Problem No. 3

Hearts — A, 9, 7, 5
Clubs — Q, 7, 6
Diamonds — Q, 3
Spades — A, K, Q, 3

Hearts — 8, 4, 2
Clubs — 4
Diamonds — K, J, 8, 6
Spades — J, 8, 7, 4, 2

Hearts — Q, J, 10, 6
Clubs — A, J, 9
Diamonds — A, 10, 7, 2
Spades — 9, 5

AUCTION BIDDING:
No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no trump and all passed. If A opened the five of clubs, how can Z score a small slam against any defense?

CONTRACT BIDDING:
Z one no trump; A pass. Y three spades; B pass. Z should now bid three no trumps. A should pass and Y, with a very strong hand, should bid six no trumps. How can it be made?
Solution in the next article.

Problem No. 4

Hearts — 7, 6
Clubs — A, J, 6, 4
Diamonds — A, 10, 7, 4, 2
Spades — 10, 6

Hearts — A, 10, 3, 2
Clubs — 8
Diamonds — Q, 6
Spades — A, 9, 8, 4, 3, 2

Hearts — K, Q, J, 9, 8, 5
Clubs — K, Q, 7
Diamonds — K
Spades — Q, J, 5

AUCTION BIDDING:
No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one heart. A passed, Y bid two diamonds and B bid two spades. Z bid three hearts and all passed. A opened the king of spades, which held the trick. He continued with the seven of spades. B won this trick with the ace and the problem is to pick out B's correct lead at the third trick and the reasons for it. This is an interesting hand, so try to figure out what B should do and why.

CONTRACT BIDDING:
Z, as dealer, should bid one heart. A should pass. Y should bid two diamonds and B should bid two spades. Z should bid three hearts. A should pass and Y should bid four hearts. B should pass, for a double would locate the heart strength. The play is the same as at Auction.
Solution in the next article.

Problem No. 5

Hearts — 10, 4, 3
Clubs — J, 10, 4, 3
Diamonds — 10, 9, 7, 2
Spades — A, 10, 9

Hearts — 4
Clubs — none
Diamonds — J, 8, 7, 6, 5
Spades — Q, 7

Hearts — J, 9, 5
Clubs — 9, 6, 5
Diamonds — none
Spades — 8, 6

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y Z win five of the eight tricks against any defense?
Solution: Z should lead the six of spades, which A B can win, either (a) in A's hand with the nine of spades, or (b) in B's hand with queen of spades.
(a) Suppose A wins the first trick with the nine of spades. A's best play is the six of hearts, which Y wins. The latter should now play the queen of diamonds, on which Z should discard the eight of spades and A the seven of hearts. At trick four, Y should lead the ten of clubs and A should refuse to win the trick. At trick five, Y should play the jack of clubs and A should again refuse to win the trick. At trick six, Y should lead his last club and A is forced to win the trick. Y Z must now win a heart trick and thus score five of the eight tricks.
It at trick two A had led the queen of hearts and followed with the six, Z should win the trick and lead the five of clubs. If A plays the ace, Y must play the ten and again Y Z must win five of the eight tricks.
If at trick two A leads the queen of hearts and follows with the ace of clubs, Y should again play the ten of clubs and the result is the same.
If A plays the seven of clubs at trick two, Y should win the trick with the ten of clubs, lead the queen of diamonds and follow with the ten of hearts. Whether A wins this trick or not, Y Z must make five tricks.
(b) Suppose at trick one B decides to win the trick with the queen of spades, then his best lead is the four of hearts. If Y is allowed to win this trick, he should lead the queen of diamonds and Z should again discard eight of spades. From now on the play is similar to the first solution and Y Z must again win five of the eight tricks.

There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions of it. — Those who oppose law and order — well, they simply do not want anything on that order. — Corsicana Sun.

BRUMLOW NEWS

Misses Ella V. Jones and Gladys Smith spent Sunday with Miss Jewel Roberts.
Miss Clois Roberts spent Saturday evening with Miss Mildred Austin.
Miss Euphama Walker spent the week-end in Decatur with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clement.
Miss Kate Sellers entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.
Miss Mona Hillin spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Maggie Zoe Christman.
Miss Hazel Austin spent Thursday night with Miss Clois Roberts.
Misses Hazel and Mildred Austin spent Saturday night with Miss Nina England.

Cottondale News

Mr. Joe Bridges, Bob Carter and Tom Coffman were in Decatur last Monday.
Miss Ruby Banks has been ill for the past week.
Mrs Isaac Gentry entertained with a domino and bridge party Wednesday evening. Roy Gentry won high scores, a grand slam on no-trumps being credited to his account.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Real of Ft. Worth, were week-end visitors here.
Mrs. Abe Lowe was a visitor of the school Friday.
Miss Louise Powers and Mrs. R. G. Lewis of Dallas, were visitors of Mr. Tommi Coffman last week.
The members of the health club of the Cottondale school were given a picnic Friday afternoon.

ROE NEWS

Miss Violet Robinson, teacher in the Fairview high school at Thrift, Mr. Donald Rhoten of T. B. C., and Mr. Ralph Jenkins of Wisconsin were callers in the home of W. D. Peyton Saturday night.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones and son, Johnnie, and little daughter, Melba Jean, of Amarillo, are visiting relatives and friends in this community this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peyton of Alvord, visited B. L. Peyton and family Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Burkett and Mr. and Mrs. Stockton and Travis New attended church at Decatur Sunday.
Delphine New left Sunday for Dallas where she is to be under the treatment of physicians.
Mr. C. J. Therp spent Saturday in the W. R. Rich home.
Mr. Hill and family spent Sunday with Mr. Vaughan.
Miss Elizabeth Perkins was in Ft. Worth first of the week.

PARADISE NEWS

Miss Mozelle Goodger spent the week-end with relatives in Fort Worth.
Mr. Marshall Franks visited Bruce Rhine of Decatur last week-end.
Miss Bill Dodd returned to her home here last week-end, from the Rogers hospital, where she has been suffering a case of appendicitis.
Bill Cook, Carrol Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Whittenberg were in Greenville on business last Saturday.
Mr. Bob Bridges of Fort Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goodger Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole of Whitesboro, visited their parents here last week-end.
Misses Iena and Hazel Bunnell and Byron Bunnell of Jackshoro, were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bunnell.
Misses Oleta Morehead and Pauline Reade spent the week-end with Miss Mildred Livingood.

When happiness does come to us it often comes like a spring flood. — Olsen.

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Vienna Sausage—3 cans	25c
Potted Meat—1/2's, 2 for	15c
Apple Sauce—2 No. 2 cans	25c
Iona Corn, Peas, 2n o. 2 can,	25c
Hominy med., 6c; No. 2 1/2	10c
Iona Kraut, 2 No. 2 1/2 cans	25c
String cut beans, No. 2 can	11c
Tomatoes—3 No. 2 cans	25c
Pink Salmon, 2 tall cans	25c
Chum Salmon—2 tall cans	23c
Iona Peaches—No. 2 1/2 can	19c
Spaghetti—3 med. cans	25c
BAKER'S GOLD FLOUR—48 lbs.	\$1.15
SUNNYFIELD FLOUR—24 lbs.	67c
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By Booth Mooney

Like everything else, being a fool has its limitations. There are times when it fails to completely satisfy, when it doesn't fill every need.

I have by assiduous and diligent toil, and by giving careful attention to every detail, succeeded in building for myself quite an enviable reputation as more or less of a comical fellow.

That's all right, and I suppose I enjoy it well enough. But what of the times when I don't feel like laughing nor like trying to make anybody else laugh?

In that case, there's nothing for me to do but force a weakly grin just the same. For if there are a few people who read this column, they want to read the same type of stuff all the time. If I were ever to get serious, I might as well quit writing it altogether.

I expect a number will express the opinion that that last sentence at least contains an idea!

I'm not trying to get across any idea of "Dancing with Tears in My Eyes" or anything like that. In the first place, I don't dance, and besides, I don't weep; and if I did, I would never combine them. And personally I think the fellow who did first combine them ought, as a beginning of fitting ceremonies, to have been drawn and quartered.

Maybe I oughtn't to write this, and I'm just praying that the chamber of commerce doesn't see it. But after all we're supposed to print all the news whether or not it shows Decatur in the best possible light.

Anyway last Saturday afternoon some truck driver came rumbling in to Decatur and parked on the public square. A brace of mules were sticking their heads out over the end-gate of the truck.

One of them looked around, sniffed the air, threw back his head and emitted a long and dismal bray; mutterable boredom and contempt expressed in that bray and in the sneering curl of his nostrils.

But we shouldn't take it too bad, for it was, you know, just a mule.

And, as far as that goes, if people press me too hard about it, I can always admit that the mule didn't let out the ungodly noise until he saw me.

That would, of course, be only a coincidence.

And speaking of mules and such, I am reminded of the slightly cynical gentleman who told me in a confidential way that the jawbone of a certain long-eared animal in the hands of the mighty Samson could not have been half so powerful as the jawbones of the ladies who talk over back fences.

Would I like to make a dirty crack about office girls who dry their hands on respectable young men's shirt-tails?

The only thing that deters me is the fact that I wasn't wearing the shirt at the time the crime was committed.

Home vaudeville:

"So you won't marry me?"

"Never."

"Well, that's all right; there are lots of other fish in the sea, and they're still falling for the same old bait."

"Yeah! Grubworm."

Once when I was more youthful and even more foolish (nothing is impossible in the sight of the Lord!) than I am now, it was my idea that I was the Selected to succeed Eddie Guest.

So imagine my embarrassment when, in reply to my letter inquiring if there was any good modern field for budding poets, a magazine editor wrote me that there was—potters' field.

Personal Big Moments: Discovering how hash is made; finding I had gained five pounds in two days, then remembering that I had on my overcoat; having a Certain Person say she liked to see me laugh because the inside of my head was so cute—and me thinking all the time that my mouth was not big but generous; starting to shave with tooth paste; smashing the phonograph record, "The Death of Floyd Collins."

Famous last words: "Have you run down any kids today, Mr. Mus-solini?"

Fundamentalist Church

If, as some claim, man came by way of evolution, Fundamentalists must have come by way of the duck, judging from the way they filled the tabernacle last Sunday in spite of the rain and slush.

A great crowd heard the pastor bring a message on "Fishers of Men" at the morning hour, and a greater crowd at the evening hour heard the message on "Church Robbers." Pastor Hickey was in fine fettle for all services of the entire day, and the great audiences showed their prayerful attention and appreciation by many hearty amens.

The church is with the pastor to a man and is backing him with their prayers and means. The church is unanimous in the conviction that it has a pastor second to none in the good old U. S. A., and takes great pride in the fact that thru the efforts of its pastor over the radio, the church and the good town of Decatur have become known in all parts of the world.

Next Sunday promises to be a great day at the tabernacle. The services start at seven thirty a. m., with Pastor Hickey at the bat over radio station KTAT, then back at the tabernacle for Bible schools at ten, and preaching at eleven. Singing all afternoon and preaching again at night.

The pastor has started a new wrinkle in the marriage business in Decatur. He not only performs the marriage ceremony free of charge for all who are married at the tabernacle but gives a radio Bible free to the contracting parties. This offer doesn't hold good in case it is shown that a man has deliberately poisoned his lawful wife in order to marry again and get a free Bible. The offer is to those brave souls who are going to take the step within the next fifteen minutes more or less.

The church is planning great things for the folks of Decatur and surrounding territory thru the coming months of the year. The first thing of importance is the coming of Dr. W. B. Riley, Sunday afternoon of February the 15th. Dr. Riley is one of the greatest Fundamentalist preachers of the day and pastor of one of the greatest churches in the north, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Next is the coming of Sam Morris for a meeting in March. Then comes Dr. Norris at a later date and John Rice mixed all in between. And for dessert we have Rev. Scott Hickey preaching every Sunday and conducting Bible study every night thru the week.

The services for next Sunday will be worth coming miles to attend. The subject for the night service is "Mothers-in-Law" and may the Lord help the preacher.—Reporter.

I no longer desire happiness; life is nobler than that.—Shaw.

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Dear Elizabeth was taken away. Four days ago her spirit took its flight

To a home most fair and bright. They lay her precious head

In the city of the dead; And while we can only weep,

She will continue her peaceful sleep. While on the bed of affliction she lay,

She heard the voice of the angels say,

As they came in the stillness of the night:

You are God's chosen, come on high

Then with a sigh of relief, She uttered no grief;

But in obedience so brave and true, She accompanied the angels across the blue.

Her dear loved ones she leaves behind.

Who loved Elizabeth so sweet and kind.

With beckoning hands we hear her say:

My dear loved ones, come this way. To dear father, mother, all we imagine she would say,

When life's cares and troubles are over.

Baptist Honor Roll

Following is the honor roll of the First Baptist church Sunday school for January:

Adult department: Frank Owens, Mrs. C. B. Gunn, Miss Bell Ford, Mrs. W. C. Milligan, Mrs. J. A. Simmons, Rev. J. W. Bailey, Rev. J. L. Ward, J. A. Simmons.

Senior department: Miss Grace Bell.

Intermediate department: Mrs. Santy.

Junior department: Geraldine Green, Ethel Richter, Mrs. Talley, Mrs. R. S. Miller, Dorothy Thresher, Emma Fay Montgomery, T. L. Hart, Mrs. B. A. Man, John Simmons, J. R.

The only really simple thing is to go straight for what you want and grab it.—Shaw.

A man's mouth may be shut and his mind closed much more effectually by his knowing all about a subject than by his knowing nothing about it.—Shaw.

And you come to stem the rolling tide.

I'll be waiting for you on the other side.

By her pastor, Ollie Lee Crunk at Boyd, Texas.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for their kind sympathy and love shown us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, Elizabeth Reed; also we thank you for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God bless you every one.—Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Reed, Lafayette and Lucie Reed.

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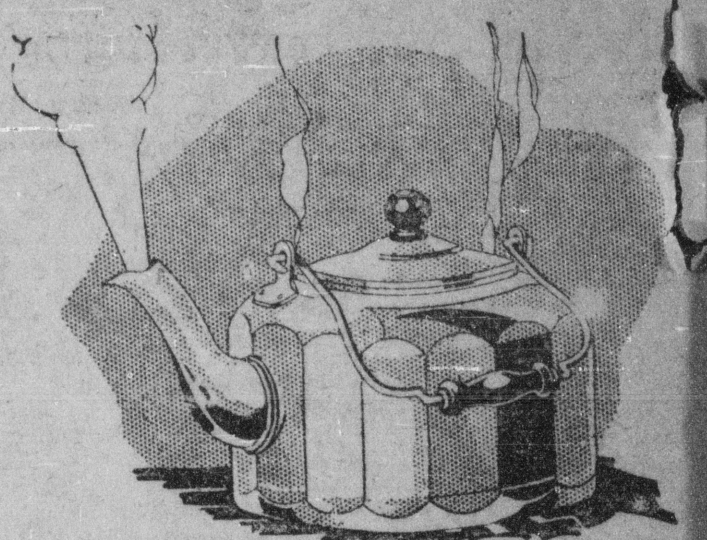
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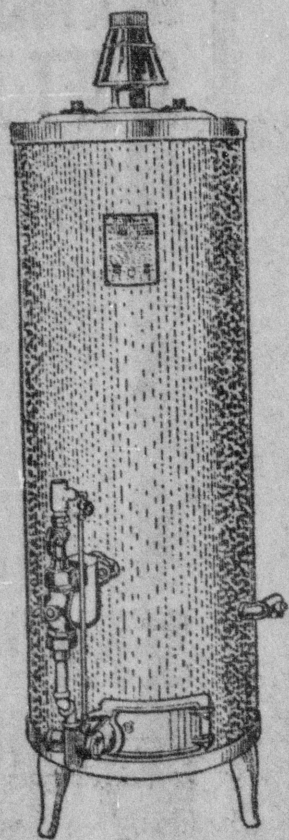
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